

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF GRAIN BANKS IN VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to set up grain banks in the villages of the country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the manner in which it would help in providing food security to the villagers, especially to the poor villagers?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (c) : A Central Sector Scheme for setting up of village grain banks in Tribal villages was launched in 1996-97 in selected areas out of the areas identified by the Central Planning Committee (CPC) as a preventive measure against starvation deaths in such areas. The Scheme provides that villagers in the selected identified areas can form a committee and set up a Grain Bank in the village. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is to provide one time grant for setting up the Grain Bank at the rate of 100 Kgs of locally consumed food grains per family. The members can borrow from this Bank in times of need and repay as per the terms decided by the Committee.